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TO : Fred Matter

DATE : September 12, 1980

FROM: Bob Shukle

SUBJECT: Rico Argentine
Dolores County

The following comments are made relative to the September 10, 1980 letter from Anaconda Copper Company in response to Rico Argentine N.O.V.:

- 1) Item 4a - the letter states "if it is determined to be technically feasible". The permit requires flow monitoring and if the treatment system must be altered to allow for proper monitoring, it is in order. If monitoring at the last pond is not possible, a permit amendment to move the allowed point several ponds up may be in order, which will reduce retention time. I have no problem with 10/15 date.
- 2) 4b - Sounds reasonable if the seeps were not down the sides of the dike but were instead the result of topping.
- 3) 4c - OK
- 4) 4d - The proposed study is much more extensive downstream than I would have thought necessary. The segment between D1 and D3 is the primary segment of concern. As I am not familiar with that stretch I would defer comment to someone more familiar, such as Pete Mars. If he is comfortable that the locations can demonstrate impact of pond seepage and discharge, I have no problem. He may also want to check the benthic sampling program.

RJS/dkg

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